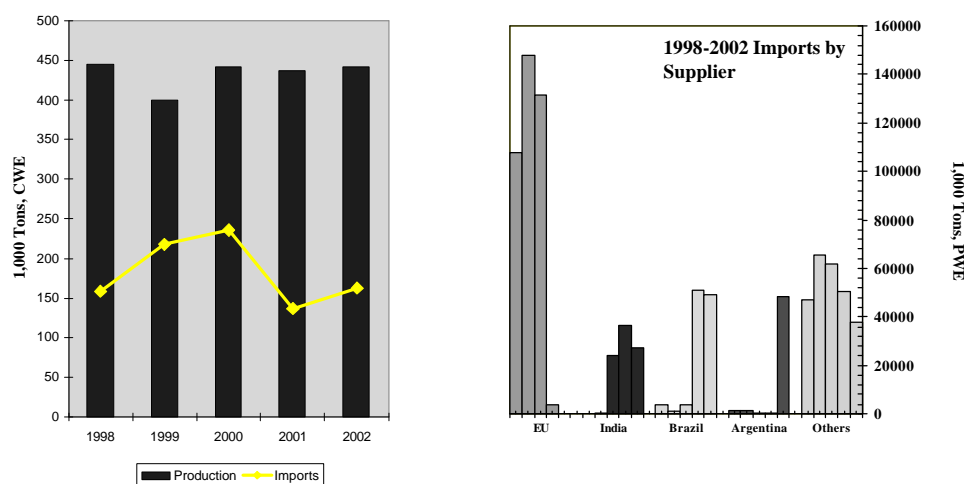


# Egypt's Beef Situation

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003(p)	2004(f)
(1,000 tons; Carcass Weight Equivalent (CWE))							
Production	445	400	442	437	442	432	452
Imports	159	218	236	136	162	100	100
Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumption	604	618	678	573	604	532	552

## Egyptian Imports Recover by 17 Percent in 2002 with New Suppliers Coming From South America



Egypt is the largest beef importer in the Middle East. Beef imports are not expected to grow in 2003 and 2004, yet, in 2002, beef imports recovered by 17 percent after a seven-year low in 2001.

The drop in 2001 was caused by an import ban against the European Union (EU) beef enacted due to the outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) and Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) on the European continent. In response to the imposition of the import ban, the EU lost a sizable percentage of the market to Brazil and India in 2001. Although Egypt lifted a number of restrictions against the EU in the first half of 2002, Egypt continues numerous new sanitary requirements regarding FMD. About 94 percent of Egypt's beef imports consisted of frozen beef in 2002 and the majority of that is brought in to produce processed meat, including hamburger, sausage, luncheon meat, and pastrami. Currently, the United States is not a major beef supplier to Egypt due in part to a lack of price competitiveness. U.S. beef exports are high-value cuts destined primarily for use in the high-end restaurant and hotel sector. U.S. beef exports to Egypt totaled \$11.5 million in 2002.

**Egypt**  
**BEEF IMPORTS**  
(metric tons)

Fresh/Chilled								
Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
European Union	955	6,972	5,084	7,174	13,668	10,307	65	50
India	0	0	0	0	137	1,332	3,257	2,315
United States	0	13	107	100	75	1	51	1
Others	0	0	0	75	32	1	101	171
Total	955	6,985	5,191	7,349	13,912	11,641	3,474	2,537
US market share	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%

Frozen								
Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Argentina	40	636	498	1,044	1,278	232	275	35,495
Australia	40	636	498	1,044	1,278	232	275	138
Brazil	0	0	946	2,122	277	2,392	49,561	47,229
China	0	0	0	0	0	296	6,176	624
European Union	105,325	91,886	114,169	99,469	133,841	120,676	3,729	3
India	0	48	0	0	53	22,898	33,329	24,946
United States	37	140	571	2,118	6,572	1,988	2,352	3,076
Uruguay	0	633	0	859	0	0	356	0
Others	0	486	648	267	226	480	111	639
Total	105,442	94,465	117,330	106,923	143,525	149,194	96,164	112,150
US market share	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%	1%	2%	3%

Processed								
Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Brazil	2,439	1,259	411	1,770	923	1,422	1,441	1,954
European Union	495	463	605	1,034	551	594	34	0
United States	73	23	10	10	28	194	3,478	2,958
Others	543	126	617	676	485	87	0	0
Total	3,550	1,871	1,643	3,489	1,987	2,297	4,953	4,912
US market share	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	8%	70%	60%

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>109,947</b>	<b>103,321</b>	<b>124,164</b>	<b>117,761</b>	<b>159,424</b>	<b>163,131</b>	<b>104,591</b>	<b>119,599</b>
US market share	0%	0%	1%	2%	4%	1%	6%	5%

Sources: UN trade and exporter data.